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Dear Hilton,

As requested, I enclose five copies of the ACA Interim Statement - sorry for the delay, due to the original issue going out of print a couple of days after publication.

Judging by your letter to Stan Roach, you are pretty well up to date on the BOHS situation. Your comments make a lot of sense, but I object to your statement that I did not properly transmit your views given to me by telephone. I was very careful to note every point you made while we were speaking and I maintain that my submission to BOHS was a faithful record. I am not sure what the future of the Sub-Committee will be, but we have already taken steps to up-date the date to 1976 and the post-mortem slides have been passed to Dr. Whitwell for an independant assessment. We are getting together as many of the cohort as we can for clinical, X-ray and lung function checks, and, as you will have gathered, we have asked David Muir for his views on the study. There is much talk on matched controls, but I like the arguments you put forward against this and hope they will be heard.

Our boast that "the last case of certified asbestosis based on year of entry was 1959" has received a severe (but unwarranted) jolt in all places, the Weaving Department. A man who commenced work there in 1969 has been certified as suffering from asbestosis. He had previously spent 15 years in an iron foundry, but on engagement you pronounced him fit for work in low risk areas. We now face a difficult task in persuading the PMP to change their diagnosis. Dr. Dempsey says he should not have been engaged!

It was at this point that you phoned me, so there is no need for me to repeat the Julian Peto saga. You will be interested in the enclosed documents, which cover it.

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Dr. H. C. Lewinsohn
Corporate Medical Director.

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I spoke to Bob Clarke about the SOM Provincial Meeting in July. He says they are having a meeting to discuss arrangements shortly, after which he will get in touch with you.

Best wishes to Anne and the family. Margery will be writing soon.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

S. Holmes

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